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Dear Dr.

I just returned to the city, and found your letter enclosing a copy of a letter you had sent to Wendell Smith of The Pittsburg Courier. I was very glad to see the way you felt about Smith's statement. When I read his story I was quite disturbed, because Mr Pompey and I had made a trip to Mr Carroll, the Major League Atty. and I wondered if he could possibly have imagined the thing he wrote in his column about our visit.

My first reaction was to write him and ask who he was referring to, but I had put it off. After thinking it over I decided he could not possibly be referring to me, because I have done many things that would make the public know I would be happy to see our ballplayers go as far as they possibly could. I spoke on the radio about two months ago for about ten minutes, and stressed the fact many of our ballplayers were the best in the world, and could make any Major League team if they were given a chance. I have a copy of the record that was made at the time which could be used if wanted. Mr Dan Parker of The New York Mirror also devoted an entire column of his to a talk I had with Mr Branch Rickey when we chanced to meet at Yankee Stadium in New York. During this conversation I told Mr Rickey there were several men on my team potential Major League material. He could put them right on The Dodgers team, and not have to send them to the sticks for training. I told him I would gladly let him have them, but I did feel they were worth an ammount of cash in view of my investment in them.

Early this season I asked the Yankee Chain, in whoes park